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15 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA/ONE

THRU (in turn): 1) CPL (Attention: Mr.) 25X1A
2) OPC/CID

SUBJECTS : 1) Recommended Correction of Estimate of World Situation (Part II, Section II, Paragraph A 3 d of CIA/OPC Strategic Plan dated 1 August 1951).
2) Request for Intelligence Summary for Latin America (to become IG of Parts Two and Four of WHD/OPC Strategic Plan).

1. Part II, Section II, Paragraph A 3 d of the CIA/OPC Strategic Plan dated 1 August 1951 (Estimate of World Situation) reads as follows:

"...d. Africa and the Western Hemisphere

(1) The countries of North and South America and Africa are of less immediate concern to the Kremlin, and the principal Communist problem is one of organization and successful infiltration and control of political and economic organizations such as labor unions, national political parties, etc. These efforts will undoubtedly continue, supported by Soviet propaganda, with the aim of splitting these countries from association with the U.S. and Western Europe and preventing effective contribution by them to Western defense."

2. This Division, and especially SA/DD/P-IA, believe that as regards Middle and South America the Estimate should read as follows, and it is requested that this Division be authorized to state the following in its Division Strategic Plan:

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The countries of Middle and South America are of great concern to the USSR because they are the most important source of raw materials for the United States outside the reach of long-range Soviet bombers. The inability of the USSR to achieve its objectives in these countries by military means or the threat of such means, forces it to rely almost entirely on political and psychological warfare. This warfare will therefore be conducted with growing intensity, by attempting further infiltration and control of national political parties, labor unions, the police, military forces, financial and banking circles, the local press, and strategic industries. Efforts will be made to strengthen local Communist parties and fronts. Clandestine nets will be required to secure and supply vital shipping information in case of general war.

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The major objectives of the USSR will be to split Middle and South America from association with the United States and Western Europe, and prevent any effective contribution by these countries to western defense.

3. It is requested that this Division be furnished with an Intelligence Summary for the area of WHD, to be inserted at Paragraph 1 G of Parts Two and Four of the WHD/OPC Strategic Plan. To provide a frame of reference for your office in fulfilling this request, there is attached to the original of the memorandum Copy No. 3 of 7/24/51 Draft of WHD/OPC Strategic Plan.



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